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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH : Deputy Director (Plans) *ISI RMB*
SUBJECT : Status of FAA Certification on C-130B aircraft

1. Following up your question raised by the comparative study done by Development Projects Division on the C-130B and the C-130E as to the possibility of the latter aircraft being certificated for use by MATS, I have checked with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who reports the following:

a. There was considerable impetus to obtain a type certificate on the C-130B aircraft. Within recent months the following cost and time figures were provided the Pentagon as a result of which the drive to obtain a type certificate dropped off:

Cost of design modifications and flight test program -- \$4,000,000.

Time to complete certification on one aircraft -- 18 months (additional aircraft could not be made available to the testing phase because of USAF delivery priorities).

b. [REDACTED] said the same figures would apply on the C-130E, and that a type certificate, if obtained, would probably result in commercial orders for this aircraft from airlines such as resort airlines and FAA, who were interested in obtaining the C-130B until the certification program was dropped.

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2. I assume [REDACTED] is aware of the fact that there is at present no plan to proceed with certification of the C-130 for MATS.

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